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POLICY LETTER 1-09

From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND UNDERAGE DRINKING

1. The purpose of this policy letter is to communicate my observation that we have a growing and correctable problem with underage drinking and excessive alcohol consumption by Marines and Sailors in this command.
2. This problem is most evidenced by the constant PMO blotter reports, YSCO and YPD arrests, Station OOD logbook entries, and Barrack's duty turnover reports. Recent health and comfort inspections have also revealed that excessive amounts of alcohol are being consumed in our barracks.
3. Our Squadron will not tolerate underage drinking or the bad behavior that results from excessive use of alcohol by any Marine or Sailor. This Squadron will treat the "providers" of alcohol to underage drinkers as the offenders themselves. These "providers" are taking extraordinary civil and criminal risks that I believe are not fully understood; furthermore, they are adversely affecting the readiness of our Squadron.
4. Marines and Sailors joined the Armed Forces of the United States with an expectation for high standards and discipline. This is not a part time profession that takes a time-out during liberty hours, and we will all be held accountable for bad behavior, enabling bad behavior, or condoning bad behavior. Bottom Line: Take better care of each other and drink responsibly!

  
R. B. FORD

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